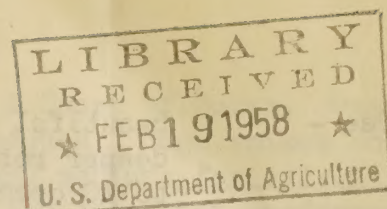


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GLADIOLUS FOR 1958

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TERMS OF SALE - The prices quoted are parcel post prepaid. Any express shipment will be collect. All shipments via parcel post will be made when weather permits. All bulbs are offered subject to previous sale. The minimum order is \$3 because of the high cost of postage. If you want to include an estimated amount towards the postage, you will be more than repaid by the extras which will be included.

BONUS BULBS - You will be given bonus bulbs in proportion to the size of your order. You may have a choice of overcount of the items on your order list, or you may list varieties you would like to try at the bottom of the order blank and I will do my best to comply.

GUARANTEE - My bulbs have been inspected by the Department of Agriculture, Dairy and Food, Division of Plant Industry, St. Paul, Minnesota. I will refund the purchase price on any order found unsatisfactory upon receipt, and promptly returned, but responsibility for the crop is denied, for I have no control over your growing methods or weather conditions.

SIZE OF BULBS - LARGE (L) size bulbs are one and one-quarter inches in diameter or more, and this size makes the largest spikes and flowers. MEDIUM (M) size bulbs are from three-fourths of an inch to an inch and one-quarter, and all should give excellent blooms. The sale of small bulbs and bulblets is limited to correspondence if any of my customers desire these sizes.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT - I will acknowledge each order upon its receipt. There will be no C. O. D. shipments, please enclose remittances with all orders. For my financial responsibility, please refer to the First National Bank, Owatonna, Minn.

LARGE FLOWERING VARIETIES * SPECIALLY PRICED

- Carmine Eyes - A fine performer in all ways. Here is a fine early white with two carmine-cherry spots on the two lower petals that look like two eyes staring at you. It is slightly ruffled with good texture. Grows tall with 6 to 8 open at one time, and an exceptional variety. Has won the top prize many times. Medium bulbs only for sale: 1 for 35¢, 10 for \$3.
- Crater Lake - One of the largest of the violet-blue varieties, with slight cream feather in the throat. The plant grows tall and straight, and will open 8 florets at one time. Seems to be very healthy and a fine show glad. Medium bulbs only for sale: 1 for 25¢, 5 for \$1.
- Copper Lustre - This is about the nearest to brown of all glads. In detail it is rose with copper edges and shading to a dark tan center with a red throat mark and heavily ruffled. Tall husky plant, very nice, very popular. Medium bulbs only for sale: 2 for 25¢, 10 for \$2.
- Gunsmoke - A very unusual smoky. A highly ruffled smoky salmon that makes excellent spikes from all sizes, and blends so well with other colors. It is one of the favorites for arrangements and bouquets. This one was introduced in 1957 and is really nice. Medium bulbs only for sale: 1 for 50¢, 5 for \$2.

- Lori Dee - Beautiful ruffled heavily textured light rose with slightly deeper rose throat. A wonderful cutter with 20 buds and up to 10 open on a 60 inch spike. It is a pleasure to grow
Lori Dee. Medium bulbs only for sale: 1 for 25¢, 10 for \$2.
- Lorelei - Tall ivory cream shading to deep cream or pale yellow in the throat. Has been grown 6 feet tall. This modern glad will lure you, too, with her beauty, form, and charming personality.
Large bulbs, 1 for 35¢, 10 for \$3; Mediums 1 for 25¢, 10 for \$2.
- Richland Rose - A two-toned medium rose with fairly large throat markings several shades deeper than the main color. Opens many on tall spikes. Good commercial and exhibition variety. Medium bulbs only for sale, 1 for 25¢, 5 for \$1.
- Tan-Glo - A clear pastel tan with a rosy tint. It should easily win the smoky class and become one of the most outstanding show winners. A strong healthy grower and very popular. Medium bulbs only for sale, 2 for 30¢, 10 for \$1.20.
- Viking - This is a very bright scarlet with bold white lines. It excels in commercial potential, producing tall, straight spikes with ease. It is quite early and should be a comer in its class. Introduced in 1957. Medium bulbs only for sale, 1 for 35¢, 5 for \$1.50.
- Violet Charm - This one can make some charming spikes. It is a pleasing shade of light lavender-violet with a deeper spear tipped with cream. A dependable grower with 7 to 9 recurved and lightly ruffled florets in formal placement on tall spikes. Medium bulbs only for sale, 5 for 40¢, 10 for 80¢.

PRICE LIST
GROUP 1

Large: 2 for 30¢ Medium: 5 for 40¢
 10 for \$1.20 10 for 80¢

- Large Flowering Varieties - Arranged alphabetically
- A. B. Coutts - A very vigorous giant apricot buff blending to deep yellow in the throat. Spikes are tall and straight with many open. An excellent buff variety. Large and Medium bulbs for sale.
- Adorable - An utterly charming sulphur cream shading to an amber with a creamy throat blotch. Blooms are slightly ruffled and buds are greenish. These greenish buds and deep cream blooms produce a very beautiful color effect. Large and mediums for sale.
- Better Times - In my estimation, one of the finest of the early violets. This one in many respects out performs all glads. It is fairly healthy as far as bulbs are concerned. It is one of the first to bloom, and the florists here want me to grow more of it each year. You will like Better Times. Large bulbs only.
- Brandywine - Here's an unusual glad for color. It is a shiny dark maroon and attracts much attention. It takes the heat very well. Really makes some fine bouquets. Large and Mediums.
- Boldface - Striking deep salmon-pink with black-red brush mark on clean white throat. Has a fine show record and very popular. Large bulbs only for sale.

- Coral Ace - Ruffled bright rich coral pink. A Sport of Burma. One of the best sports of Burma introduced. Huge spikes and makes beautiful baskets. Large and mediums for sale.
- Crinoline Belle - Here's a very early needle point lavender that performs fine. It will crook in the hot sun, but under reasonable conditions can be your finest early lavender. Large and medium bulbs for sale.
- Catherine Beath - A beautiful deep yellow. It can grow tall and open many at one time. Fine for the show table. Large and mediums for sale.
- Champagne - An early light yellow with a greenish tint to it. It is not as tall as some yellows, but works up well in baskets. Large bulbs only for sale.
- Dieppe - Deep salmon-red with a darker blotch. A very beautiful and distinctive color. A very popular glad. Large and mediums for sale.
- Dolly Varden - One of the finest of the large salmons. Has won many prizes in its class. Large and Mediums for sale.
- Francesca - In my estimation, Francesca is the most beautiful of the lavenders. It is on a line between lavender and rose pink and a marvel of a beauty. Grows well from all sizes and mediums planted late will bloom just before frost with excellent spikes. Large and Mediums for sale.
- Fire Opal - This early bloomer is a ruffled orange with golden throat. It is a cheery spot of color among the numerous pastels generally available at the beginning of the season. Large bulbs only for sale.
- Gold - For purity of color, heavy substance, health and dependability, Gold is tops. Doesn't have as many buds as some folks would like, but they open well and keep well. One of the finest of the deep, golden yellows. Large and mediums for sale.
- Good-Morning - An enormous Corona type but whiter and in addition has a soft rose throat. An easy grower from all sizes. Large and mediums for sale.
- Gene - The standard of the light yellows. This early, tall, ruffled yellow is a joy to see so early in the blooming season. Large and mediums for sale.
- Golden Dawn - Another light yellow that can make wonderful spikes at times. It is not as dependable as Gene, but has its place. Large and mediums for sale.
- King Size - A huge medium-light pink with deeper pink throat markings. Opens many on very tall huge spikes. Certainly the giant of glads. Large and mediums for sale.
- King David - One of the finest of the purples. This one has been standard for years and is still going strong. Mediums only for sale.
- Lady Anne - You can't really grow glads without this fine white. One of the best of the whites. Large and mediums for sale.
- Lief Erickson - A very excellent performer in the cream class. Produces fine spikes of excellent quality. Large and mediums for sale.
- Lavender Beauty - A fine lavender that shows more violet or blue in its make-up than most lavenders. Large and mediums for sale.
- Lavender Blush - A fine light lavender that performs well for cutting or for the show table. Opens many on tall spikes. Large bulbs only for sale.

- Monte Carlo - This is another of the early blotched oranges. This one is a splash of color in the early flowering varieties, orange with a reddish blotch. Very nice and very dependable. Large and medium bulbs for sale.
- Negus - Tall growing, deep black-red with velvety sheen. Opens 8 to 10 florets on a 21 bud spike. This is one of the finest dark reds on the market today. Does not fade or sunburn. The bulbs are not too beautiful to look at, but produce fine blooms. Large bulbs for sale.
- Poinsettia - The sensational red that is still holding its own. A clear, flaming scarlet-red that opens about 7 round florets on a good stem. This is a good cutter. Mediums only for sale.
- Patrol - Clear apricot with yellow throat that opens 8 florets with many more showing color. Tall grower with long flower-head. Large and medium bulbs for sale.
- Purple Burma - A Sport of Burma. Sumptuous ruffling, fluting, and a rich velvety texture, with fine, long heads. One of the leading purples. Large and medium bulbs for sale.
- Ruffled Ebony - This congo colored glad is rich in color appeal. You will thrill at the lavish ruffling and brilliance of sheen. It is one of the finest of the dark, black-reds. Large and medium bulbs for sale.
- Rose Spic - One of the finest of the deep rose glads. This has a fine long flower-head with many open at one time. Its ruffling is beyond compare. Has been grown up to 26 buds. Will open 8 ruffled flowers with ease. Large bulbs only for sale.
- Regina - This huge light orange with apricot shading strengthens the orange class. It is ruffled, needle-pointed and of very heavy substance. Large and medium bulbs for sale.
- Robert the First - One of the finest of the smokys. Sort of an apricot smoky that is blotched, and grows tall on straight spikes. Good one for exhibition. Large and mediums for sale.
- Red Charm - The old standby in the deep reds. This one has been on the market many years and is still going strong. Large and mediums for sale.
- Stormy Weather - One of the finest of the smokys. Its name sort of gives you a hint as to the color. I would say that grey predominates, but whatever the color, it is a fine smoky. Mediums only for sale.
- Snow Clad - Another of the grand white glads. This one seems to be destined to be grown very widely. It is clean-cut, cream-throated alabaster white; a 5-6 footer. Large and mediums for sale.
- Sparkling Eyes - A honey. This stretchy, bluish white has a violet-purple blotch on every floret. A handsome glad appropriately named. Large and mediums for sale.
- Tafetta - This is one of my favorites in the light rose class. Does very well from medium bulbs, and is one of the finest cutters in its class. Large and mediums for sale.
- The Pheasant - Here's an unusual smoky. It does not grow very tall, but it produces some fine florets that do resemble the breast of the cock pheasant. Very nice in arrangements. Large and mediums for sale.

- The Roan - A rosy-red smoky covered with silvery lines giving it a unique look. Large and mediums for sale.
- The Rajah - Robed in all the richness of an Indian potentate. The Rajah ranks as one of the three leading purples in commerce today, the others being Purple Burma, and King David. A fine cutter. Large and mediums for sale.
- White Tower - Large white with vivid pink blotch. Grows tall and will open a goodly number. Stock is scarce because of slow propagation. Large and mediums for sale.

T H E M I N I A T U R E S

SPECIALLY PRICED MINIATURES

- Daintness - One of the best white miniatures. The heavily ruffled creamy-white florets have excellent substance and fine carriage on their graceful, slender stems. Mediums only, 1 for 20¢, 5 for 80¢.
- Goldette - This round recurved, heavily-substanced little yellow is really a highly recommended variety. It is very chaste and clean. Mediums only, 1 for 35¢, 5 for \$1.50.
- Li'l Abner - You will enjoy its jam-smudged face, for the tiny yellow florets with their reddened edges and throat mark are just like that. Mediums only, 1 for 35¢, 5 for \$1.50.
- Little Doll - Blush-pink with a prominent violet throat blotch on the lower petals. Mediums only 1 for 35¢, 5 for \$1.50.
- Ares - This one is not strictly a miniature but it is small flowering. Amber-white with pink glow and a cherry blotch. Quite tall and will open 6 to 8. Very fine exhibition glad. Mediums only for sale, 2 for 30¢, 10 for \$1.20.

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GROUP 2	10 for \$1.20	10 for 80¢

- Atom - He's robed in brilliant scarlet and he wears a creamy white halo at all times. Hale and hearty in the garden, and in storage outshines the others. Large and mediums for sale.
- Bo Peep - Queen of the small glads. It is buff pink with a yellowish throat faintly dusted with red. Very early, deeply ruffled, and heavy substance. Large and mediums for sale.
- Lady Killer - Such a clumsy name. Don't let this scare you out, for it really is one of my favorites. A buff colored glad with red spots in the throat. Has good height. Large and mediums for sale.
- Little Gold - A beautiful golden glowing color. One of the finest in the golden yellow class. No other small deep yellow like this one. Large and mediums for sale.
- Little Pal - One of the favorite rose-colored small glads, and a dandy grower. Light rose with darker rose blotch. Grows tall. Mediums only.
- Lucille - This is a fine blotched glad. Grows tall and is a cream color with a large red blotch. Large and Mediums for sale.
- Malihini - In certain types of arrangements, this one is a knock-out. It grows tall with many open and is best described as a purplish smoky. Mediums only.

- Ocean Spray - This little fellow has been over-looked too long. The florists all like this one for arrangements. It is a fine small white with an amber throat, and an excellent performer. Large and mediums for sale
- Peter Pan - This is a very early, tall, outstanding miniature. It is described as a ruffled deep orange, with deeper throat marks. This is a great one for the show table as it really has height and florets open. Mediums only for sale.
- Pink Dots - This is a great glad for arrangements. It is quite a tall growing pure white with a pink dot on the tip of each petal. Large and mediums for sale.
- Pirouette - One of the real early ones. Deep salmon color with a yellow throat heavily peppered with rose. Quite tall with many florets open. Mediums only for sale.
- Ruby - One of the most dependable of the small red glads. It has an excellent color and very fine in arrangements. Mediums only for sale.
- Statuette - This bright little fellow is light yellow with a diffused rose blotch. It is the most talked about of the small glads, grows tall, excellent ruffling, and can really win at the shows. Mediums only for sale.
- Starlet - An excellent small white, extremely graceful, whose little florets seem to perch like white butterflies on thin, wiry stems. Mediums only for sale.
- White Miniature - This is a white miniature or small flowering variety of which I do not know the name. It does well for me and is an excellent cutter. Large and Mediums for sale.
- Sprite - This is a small flowering glad and not a miniature, but because of the short stem and flower head is included in this group. It is excellent in arrangements. A very clean golden orange, highly ruffled, and very clean. Mediums only for sale.